(c) whether complaints regarding corruption, malpractices and violation of Copyright Act have been received from Government offices and Central Vigilance Commission and are proposed to be investigated independently?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN) : (a) The number of subscribers to the Government of India periodicals and gazettes brought out by Central Government Departments were 8556 in 1987 and 2458 in 2000.

(b) No, Sir. However, four cases of reported violation of the Copyright Act, 1957 (14 of 1957) were referred to the concerned Ministries/ Departments for legal action against the infringers in consultation with the Department of Legal Affairs as per the provisions of the Copyright Act. In the fifth case of reported infringement the Department of Company Affairs informed that the Government had not claimed any copyright on the Report of the Working Group for re-writing the Companies Act, 1956 as copies of the report were placed in the Parliament Library consequent to which it had become public property, open to any one to publish it in full or in parts.

(c) One complaint has been forwarded by the Central Vigilance Commission to this Ministry for investigation.

Modern equipments in Hospitals

*499. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government provide funds to the State Governments for installing modern equipments in their hospitals to carry out various investigations, such as automatic analyser, CT scan, ultra sound etc ;

(b) if so, the details of funds released to the States during the last three years, years-wise and State-wise; and

(c) if answer to part (a) be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR) : (a) to (c) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is not providing

financial assistance to the State Governments directly for installing modern equipments in their hospitals to carry out various investigations. However, this Ministry is implementing a Pilot Project under which financial assistance limited to Rs. 150.00 lakhs is provided for upgradation and strengthening of emergency facilities of State Hospitals of towns/cities located on National Highways. The components of the scheme are :—

(i) Ambulance with equipments;

(ii) Communication System;

(iii) Infrastructure;

(iv) Equipments and furniture.

Under the head of Equipments and furniture, certain equipments for investigation purposes can be purchased.

The details of funds released under the Pilot Project to the States/UTs during the last three years are as under :

1999-2000

1. Rs. 97.00 lakhs to Government of Madhya Pradesh for Maharaja Yashwant Rao Hospital, Indore.
2. Rs. 150.00 lakhs to Government of Haryana for General Hospital, Karnal.
3. Rs. 53.00 lakhs to Government of Bihar for Patna Medical College Hospital, Patna.

2000-2001

1. Rs. 70.00 lakhs to Government of Tripura for Tripura Sundari Hospital (South District), Udaipur (Tripura).
2. Rs. 70.00 lakhs to Government of Sikkim for S.T.N.M. Hospital, Gangtok.
3. Rs. 59.00 lakhs to Government of Arunachal Pradesh for Pasighat General Hospital, Arunachal Pradesh.
4. Rs. 150.00 lakhs to Government of Uttar Pradesh for King George Medical College, Lucknow.
5. Rs. 78.00 lakhs to UT of Pondicherry for General Hospital, Mahe.

2001-2002

1. Rs. 150.00 lakhs to Government of Bihar for Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Patna.

2. Rs. 150.00 lakhs to Government of Gujarat for General Hospital, Nadiad, District Kheda.
3. Rs. 150.00 lakhs to Government of Kerala for General Hospital, Ernakulam.
4. Rs. 150.00 lakhs to Government of Jammu and Kashmir for development of emergency/trauma services on Srinagar-Leh National Highway at Margund Kangan.
5. Rs. 150.00 lakhs to Government of Bihar for Model Bikram Referral Centre, Patna.

Journalists working in Insurgency Prone areas

*500. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the measures taken and being taken for the welfare of Journalists working in the insurgency prone States;

(b) whether Government are aware that the PIB and other Central agencies which are working for information and broadcasting are non-existent in their work; and

(c) if so, the measures taken to revive/strengthen them?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ) : (a) The information is given in the Statement annexed. (*See* below)

(b) and (c) The activities of the offices of the Media Units of this Ministry are carried out in all parts of the country and their performance reviewed periodically, and suitable measures taken to strengthen them. Wherever necessary, additional security and staff is provided.

Statement

Measures taken for welfare of Journalists

(a) Ministry of Home Affairs has issued instructions to all the State Governments for ensuring safety and security of the Journalists on outdoor duties in pursuance of the recommendations of the Empowered Committee set up by the Ministry of Labour.

(b) Ministry of Labour has issued directions to all the State Governments for inclusion of the occupation of the newspaper employees on outdoor duties in Schedule II of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923 to make them eligible for compensation under the Act.